

Washington, DC - Tuesday, Congressman Harry Teague will host Armando Arzola of Bayard, NM as his guest to the Presidential Address to Congress on February 24th. Each Congressman is provided one additional ticket to the Presidential Address to assign to whomever they want to invite and Mr. Teague invited Mr. Arzola, a retired Air Force Veteran who currently serves as a city councilman for the city of Bayard, New Mexico.

"I invited Councilman Arzola to join me at the Presidential Address because he is the type of person it is going to take to turn this country around. He served his country for 28 years and when he retired and returned to his hometown he saw that there was a need for leadership and he stepped up. Since he was elected to the city council he has been working to improve his community," said Congressman Harry Teague. "As we listen to the speech tomorrow night, it is my hope that Councilman Arzola will see some opportunity in this challenging economic time and go back to Bayard and continue working to make things better."

"I'm honored that Congressman Harry Teague thought of me to attend the Presidential Address as his guest," said Councilman Arzola. "Like a lot of communities across New Mexico, Bayard has been hit very hard by the recent economic downturn. We have high unemployment, infrastructure, and education needs. Right now, we're doing the best we can to help ourselves but we need some help. I am eager to hear what President Obama has to say about how we can work together from the local level on up to turn our communities around."

Bayard is a community of 2500 located in south western New Mexico. Recently, the community

has suffered increased unemployment numbers due to an area mine closure.

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